



Town of Reading



CHANGES IN RECYCLING AND TRASH COLLECTION Effective October 4, 2010

Dear Reading Residents,

The following guidelines are provided due to program changes in the recycling and rubbish collection program.

Beginning the week of October 4th, Reading residents will be required to:

- Limit their rubbish disposal to 120 gallons (4 bags or small barrels or 3 large barrels) per household per week.
- Weekly Recycling is mandatory for every household.

The goal is to reduce cost by decreasing the tonnage of rubbish that is incinerated and increasing recycling. We ask all residents to participate in working towards this goal.

We hope you find this guide helpful. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or suggestions regarding Rubbish disposal and Recycling in the Town of Reading.

RUBBISH DISPOSAL LIMITS

- No more than 4 bags/small barrels or 3 large barrels (a maximum total of 120 gallons) of rubbish per household per week. A maximum weight of 80 lbs each.
- Contractor will not pick up any trash containing recyclable material.



DUAL STREAM RECYCLING

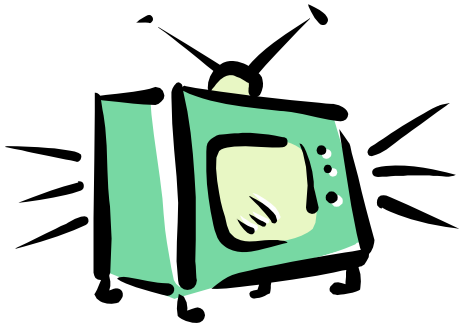
- Weekly **mandatory** unlimited recycling
- Prepare as you always have; separate paper and commingled containers. Place bundled paper on top of or beside bin.

Or

- **Put Paper/Cardboard in one container and Plastic/Glass/Cans in the other.**
- Use the red recycling bins distributed by the Town of Reading, AND/OR
- Use your own containers clearly marked with a recycling sticker.
- Recycling bins and stickers are available at no cost at the DPW Garage, 75 New Crossing Road, 1-781-942-9092, Monday – Friday 7:00 am – 3:00 pm, AND
- At the Reading Town Hall, DPW Office, 16 Lowell St 1-781-942-9077 Mon–Wed–Thurs 7:30 am – 5:30 pm Tues 7:30 am – 7:00 pm Closed Fridays



TV/CRT DISPOSAL



- TV's and CRT's (computer monitors) are not allowed with regular trash or recycling.
- Picked up weekly by calling JRM directly at 1-800-323-HAUL and arranging payment and scheduling the pickup.
- TV/CRT pickup fee is \$10 each.

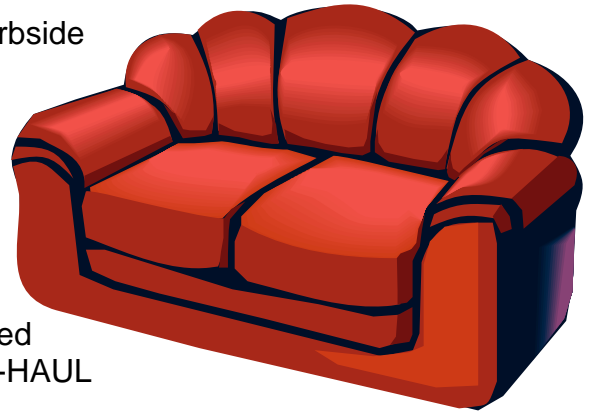
LEAF COLLECTION

- The Town will schedule (5) weeks of curbside leaf collection per year
- The contractor will pick up Kraft paper bagged leaves the weeks of November 1st, November 15th and November 29th and 2 spring collection dates to be announced.
- There is no charge for curbside leaf collection.



BULK ITEMS

- One Bulk Item per week may be placed at curbside with your regular recycling and rubbish.
- There is no charge and no stickers are required.
- Bulk items include: sofa, loveseat, chairs, recliners, arm-chair, mattress, box-spring, table, desk, bookcase, and carpeting. (see end of brochure for further definition)
- Unusually large or awkward items can be picked up for a fee by calling JRM directly at 1-800-323-HAUL



USED APPLIANCES



- Household appliances are not allowed with regular trash or recycling.
- They include but are not limited to: refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, heaters, air-conditioners, de-humidifiers, hot water heaters, etc.
- Appliances are picked up weekly by calling JRM directly at 1-800-323-HAUL and arranging payment and scheduling the pickup.
- Appliance pickup fee is \$20 each.

Extra stickers? Return them at the DPW Office in Town Hall for a refund. Click [here](#) for more details.

RIGID PLASTICS EVENT

- The Town will schedule 1 Rigid Plastics Event to be held annually – date TBD.
- Bring your rigid plastics (toys, plastic chairs, containers, etc).
- There is no charge for residents.

SCRAP METAL PICKUP

- The Town of Reading will schedule 1 scrap metal pickup annually - date TBD
- The contractor will pickup scrap metal curbside from residents.
- No charge.

PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

- The Town will schedule 1 Paper Shredding Event to be held annually – date TBD.
- Residents may bring paper documents that they want to shred.
- Shredding takes place in front of residents.
- There is no charge for shredding.



What paper can I recycle?

Accepted Paper & Cardboard:

Newspapers/inserts Magazines
Catalogs Junk Mail
Envelopes Paper Bags
Phone Books Office Paper
Computer Paper File Folders
Fax paper
Stationery
All Books
Boxboard
Shredded paper
Cereal, cake and gift boxes
Notebooks (no metal rings/clips)
Milk - Juice Carton/Drink Boxes



All Cardboard is acceptable. Please breakdown, flatten and fold boxes, cartons & other cardboard into no larger than 4' x 4'

Unacceptable Paper:

- No napkins, tissues, toilet paper, or soiled paper wrappers.....
- No waxed cardboard.

What else can I recycle?

Accepted Commingled Materials:

PLASTIC

- Butter/margarine tubs
- Dessert/yogurt cups
- Plastic condiment containers
- Six and twelve pack rings
- Water bottles
- Non-returnable beverage bottles



Plastic Containers accepted
(excluding #6 Styrofoam)

Unacceptable Plastics:

- No plastic bags, Styrofoam, or packaging peanuts
- No plastic wrap, newspaper sleeves, or plastic film

GLASS

- Glass bottles, jars, food containers and beverage containers

Unacceptable Glass:

- No window glass or mirrors,
- no light-bulbs,
- no ceramics.



METAL CANS and FOIL



- Clean aluminum cans and foil
- Tin and steel cans
- Lids from jars
- Empty and non-hazardous aerosol cans

What is a Bulk Item?

Bulk waste items are defined as any item that is not considered as household rubbish, are not hazardous waste, and are not recyclable. Bulk waste items are of such size or weight (over 80 pounds) that one person cannot readily handle it and/or that fall into the following categories.

- Auto parts such as generators, starters, air cleaners, auto seats, wheel rims, small pieces of body metal, etc.
- Furniture items, swing sets (dismantled with concrete footings removed), bicycles and other similar items.
- Unsure if it's a bulk item?
Call JRM at 1-800-323-HAUL
- **Consider donating items to local charities.**

For more information or suggestions, contact the Department of Public Works at 1-781-942-9077 or Email publicworks@ci.reading.ma.us

For continuing updates on recycling and rubbish collection and disposal, go to www.readingma.gov

The Town's Recycling and Rubbish Collection contractor is:



1-800-323-HAUL